

15 October 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with AECASSOWARY/29 on 9 October in Washington, D. C.

1. In view of an article which appeared in the 1 October Ukrains'ky Visti (Ukrainian News - a pro-Communist publication in New York) complimenting the AECASSOWARY group on its "progressiveness" (but suggesting that words be replaced by deeds), and in view of an article written by an ex-AECASSOWARY (A/19) in which he chides A/1 for publishing a declaration on the occasion of its 20th anniversary without clearing it with him (a member of A/1) and for changing from its original revolutionary character to ~~an~~ evolutionary, A/2 requested a discussion of the need for some steps to be taken to counteract the controversies being created among the leading emigre groups at a time when solidarity is most needed. (A time of stepped up Soviet efforts against the Ukrainian emigration - also, two groups of prominent Soviet Ukrainians are expected to visit in the U.S.A. Overtures have been made by these Soviet Ukrainians regarding meetings with leading Ukrainian emigres.) A/2 felt that in view of Joseph Lesawyer's position in the Ukrainian National Association and the Ukrainian Congress Committee, and in view of the fact that he had been briefed in the past regarding "U. S. Government" endorsement of the activities of A/1 and interest in Ukrainian emigre activities, he might again be talked to in such a way as to help him see the harmful aspects of the present situation in the emigration and use his influence (unobtrusively) to prevent publication of the A/19 article or other articles in the Svoboda which might create increased controversy. A/29 was asked to come to Washington for the purpose of briefing [ ] who had been the contact with Lesawyer in the past) on the various recent events leading up to all the controversy. [ ] could then plan to meet with Lesawyer.

2. A/29 was met in Washington by [ ] and the undersigned at non. Discussions were held over a long luncheon at the Rotunda restaurant, until 3 p.m. [ ]s briefed by A/29 and the undersigned on events in the <sup>Ukrainian</sup> emigration during the past year and on the overtures made by Soviet Ukrainians to be accepted by the emigres: Shevchenko statue unveiling; efforts to have official meeting and press organized for the Soviet Ukrainians scheduled to arrive about 1 November. It was decided that [ ] would telephone Lesawyer that evening and invite him to [ ] to go back to the office and A/29 and I continued other AERODYNAMIC Washington for an evening meeting early the following week. business discussions while walking toward Union Station. [ ]

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